

EMU HOSTS AN INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM TITLED “CYPRUS ON THE 450TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONQUEST: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE” WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF PRESIDENT TATAR



The opening ceremony of the international symposium titled “Cyprus on the 450th Anniversary of the Conquest: Past, Present and Future” organised with the cooperation of the Republic of Turkey Atatürk Culture, Language and History Supreme Institution, Turkish Historical Society Presidency and Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Atatürk Research and Application Center (ATAUM) took place on Tuesday, 16 November 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at EMU Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall. Among those who attended the ceremony were the President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Ersin Tatar, the Ambassador of the Turkish Republic to Nicosia Ali Murat Başçeri, Cyprus Turkish Peace Forces Commander Major General Sezai Öztürk, Security Forces Commander Major Zorlu Topaloğlu, TRNC Minister of Foreign Affairs Tahsin Ertuğruloğlu, MPs İzlem Gürçağ Altuğra, Zorlu Töre and Mesut Genç, President of EMU Board of Trustees Dr. Erdal Özçenk, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın, Members of the Board of Trustees, Vice Rectors, Mujahideen and their families, academic staff and students.

The symposium, which started with a moment of silence and the National Anthem, continued with the screening of the EMU promotional film. The opening speeches of the symposium were delivered by the Chair of EMU ATAUM Assist. Prof. Dr. Turgay Bülent Göktürk, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın, Vice President of the

Turkish Historical Society, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ahmet Kılınc, Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to Nicosia Ali Murat Başçeri and President of the TRNC Ersin Tatar.

“The Makers and Writers of History Are Together”

In his speech, EMU ATAUM Chair Assist. Prof. Dr. Göktürk stated that this year marks the 450th Anniversary of the conquest of Cyprus by the Ottoman State, and, for this reason, under the coordination of EMU ATAUM, they organized a special event marking this special anniversary. Assist. Prof. Dr. Göktürk emphasized that the difference of the symposium from other organizations is that it brought together those who make history and those who write history.

In his speech, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın provided general information about EMU and stated that they are happy to be hosting the symposium. Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın thanked all those who contributed to the organisation of the symposium and the institutions that supported the publication of the book “The Mujahideen Narrate” and wished the symposium to be beneficial and leave an important mark in history.

Vice President of the Turkish Historical Society Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ahmet Kılınc stated that the institution carries out many scientific studies on the Turkish Cypriot History in cooperation with the

TRNC Ministry of National Education and Culture and gave examples of these studies. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kılınc gave the good news that the expedition books kept by the institution during the conquest of Cyprus will be published by the institution in the next year. At the end of his speech, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kılınc thanked the participants. Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to Nicosia, Ali Murat Başçeri, stated that he believes that the science of history has a very important role in shaping the destiny of people and societies, and highlighted the fact that the correct reading and understanding of history will guide future generations. Underlining that the main element of this island is the Turkish Cypriots, Başçeri stated that there will be a Cyprus section in the National Library and the book “The Mujahideen Narrate” will be one of the first books to be included in this section.

TRNC President Ersin Tatar stated that the rights of the Turkish Cypriots and the Republic of Turkey are violated in Cyprus and that they will not allow these unlawful practices. Pointing out that it is a great injustice for the Greek Cypriot side to be included in the European Union as the Republic of Cyprus by disregarding the rights of the Turkish Cypriots, President Tatar stated that although the Turkish Cypriot community said yes to the referendum during the Annan Plan period, the Greek Cypriot people said no. Tatar also added that federation is no longer an option for the TRNC. Underlining that the TRNC will

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successfully walk into the future together with the Republic of Turkey, President Tatar wished the symposium to be beneficial for everyone. After the opening speeches, Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca presented silver plates to Vice President of the Turkish Historical Society, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ahmet Kılınç, Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to Nicosia Ali Murat Başçeri and President of the TRNC Ersin Tatar for their contributions to the symposium.

The Work Presented to Mujahideen

In the continuation of the symposium, published by the Embassy of the Republic of Turkey and prepared for publication by Assist. Prof. Dr.

Turgay Bülent Göktürk and Süheyla Göktürk, the book “Mujahideen Narrate”, which contains the memories of the mujahideen, was presented to the mujahideen and their families.

The first session of the symposium, held in two sessions, was held at 11:30 a.m. under the chairing of Assoc. Prof. Ahmet Kılınç. In the said session, Prof. Dr. Feridun Emecen gave a presentation titled “Grand Strategy and Conquest: Cyprus 1571”, Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Çınar, “An Evaluation of the Foundations Established in Cyprus during the Ottoman Period”, Prof. Dr. Mesut Hakkı Caşın “The Rising Star of the Mediterranean, the TRNC and Its Future” and Assist. Prof. Dr. Turgay

Bülent Göktürk talked about “The Greek Cypriot Orthodox Church in Decision-Making Processes”. In the second session held at 14:30 under the chairing of EMU Law Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Prof. Turgut Turhan, Prof. Dr. Soyalp Tamçelik talked about “Considerations Regarding Cyprus and Turkish Cypriots in the Turkish Foreign Policy of the Atatürk Era”, Prof. Dr. Sevinç Aliyeva “The Cyprus Issue in Russian Policy”, Prof. Dr. Nejla Günay “The Transition of Cyprus to British Administration and Its Effect on the Armenian Events” and Prof. Dr. Yücel Acer delivered a presentation titled “Maritime Boundaries Problem in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Rights of the TRNC”.

EMU FACULTY OF DENTISTRY TO ORGANISE A CLINIC OPENING CEREMONY AND WHITE COAT CEREMONY



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Dentistry, Clinic Opening Ceremony and 2021-2022 Academic Year White Coat Ceremony will be held on Monday, 22 November 2021 at 10:00 a.m.. The ceremony will start with the opening speeches after a moment of silence and the National Anthem.

The clinic, equipped with the latest technology in the modern and state-of-art building of the Faculty of Dentistry,

will begin to serve the public with its experienced and specialist staff, in a safe and protected environment with pandemic measures at the highest level.

The First Step into the Profession

In scope of the ceremony, a total of 42 new students enrolled in the Faculty of Dentistry in the 2021-2022 Academic Year will be donning white coats, the symbol of the first step into the profession. The ceremony will end after a cocktail party.

EMU SIGNS COLLABORATION PROTOCOL WITH THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND ENVIRONMENT



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) signed a collaboration protocol with Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Office of Deputy Prime Minister, Ministry of Tourism and Environment. The signing session took place on Friday, 19 November 2021 at 08:30. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın and TRNC Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism and Environment Fikri Ataoğlu signed the protocol. EMU Board of Trustees President Dr. Erdal Özçenk, Board of Trustees members Ersun Kutup and Ali Bolatcan, EMU vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel and Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu were present during the signing session. Within the scope of ecology and awareness project, the collaboration protocol aims to realize "Green Steps Project" whose objective is to improve better implementations regarding ecology, create networks for supporting knowledge and experience transfer as well as transformation process, motivate the society for obtaining a more livable environment and lastly, to organize trainings, seminars and activities in this regard. Obtaining the support of students and academic staff members in events such as tree planting, workshops and competitions to be organized within the scope of the protocol and, planting 1000 saplings within the "Step into Green – Plant Tree" campaign is aimed. Expressing the university's contentedness on hosting the TRNC Deputy Prime Minister,



Minister of Tourism and Environment in EMU, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın stated that the two parties gathered with an important agenda which is to sign a protocol on Green Steps Project. Stating that the project in question is a vital step in creating awareness and supporting works related to environmental consciousness, Prof. Dr. Hoca'nın emphasized that EMU as a state university has always been sensitive regarding serving the public and is showing its support by participating in the project. Prof. Dr. Hoca'nın thanked Minister Ataoğlu for contributing in the bridge building between the EMU and the Ministry. TRNC Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism and Environment Fikri Ataoğlu stated that the protocol to be signed holds environmental importance. Stating his belief on the project in terms of contributing awareness raising regarding environmental consciousness of both academicians and students, Ataoğlu thanked EMU for its support and contributions. Mentioning the plans to add environment courses into the curriculums starting from the primary school education until the university education, Ataoğlu expressed the aim of reaching the desired level of awareness in environmental consciousness. Moreover, Ataoğlu stated that 5 June which is annually celebrated as World Environment Day is planned to be celebrated symbolically.

EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. HOCANIN CONGRATULATES TEKNOPARK COMPANIES AND STUDENTS RECEIVING AWARDS

Being within the structure of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Teknopark and receiving awards in the international entrepreneurship competition, successful entrepreneur students from Caretta Robotics, Cyprus Robotics and Daxici companies paid a courtesy visit to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın on Thursday, 18 November 2021 at 09:00. The visit took place in the Rector's Office. Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel, successful entrepreneurs Ahmet Bilgen, Farhang Naderi, Maher Eldebuch and Kamal Ali from Caretta Robotics, Tezel Çelebi from Cyprus Robotics and, Hasan Bilgen and Burak Bilgen from Daxici company were present during the meeting.

To Attend a Huge Event in Finland

Being awarded in "Startup4Peace" competition which is co-financed by European Union and Finland Embassy and is a bi-communal event involving both sides of Cyprus, EMU Teknopark companies Caretta Robotics, Cyprus Robotics and Daxici gained the right to attend the "SLUSH" event to be held on 1-2 December 2021 in Helsinki, the capital of Finland. "SLUSH" is listed among the biggest entrepreneurship events in Europe and will gather leading global company executives and successful entrepreneurs together with new entrepreneurs. The expenses of entrepreneurs from Caretta Robotics, Cyprus Robotics and Daxici will be covered by the Finland Embassy.

"EMU will Always Support Entrepreneurs"

Providing information to EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın on the competition as well as their projects, entrepreneur students thanked EMU for all the support. On the other hand, Rector Prof. Dr. Hoca'nın congratulated the students by saying that any kind



of achievement is found important by EMU. Stating that students has no limits if they are encouraged for such opportunities, Prof. Dr. Hoca'nın underlined that EMU will not only support its students and graduates in such entrepreneurial projects but also support students and young individuals from different universities. Prof. Dr. Hoca'nın pointed out that what most important is the ideas and bringing these ideas into life. At the end of the visit, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın presented gifts to the successful entrepreneurs of EMU Teknopark.

EMU HOSTS MEMBERS OF THE ISTANBUL MUHKAR CONFEDERATION



Upon the invitation of the Famagusta Mukhtar Association and within the scope of the 38th year anniversary of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), İstanbul Mukhtar Confederation members from different provinces of İstanbul visited Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU). The visitors gathered together with the vice Rector for Social and Cultural Affairs Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçiöğlü on Monday, 15 November 2021 at EMU Beach Club where they were provided information on EMU. The confederation members visited EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın the next day on

Tuesday, 16 November 2021 at 11:30 at EMU Senate Room. EMU vice Rector for Social and Cultural Affairs Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçiöğlü was also present during the meeting.

Speaking at the meeting, Prof. Dr. Hocanın provided detailed information on EMU and expressed his happiness to be hosting the confederation members. Emphasizing the fact that EMU does not only care for education but also cares serving the society, Prof. Dr. Hocanın stated that the university has students from all over the Turkey. Moreover, Rector Prof. Dr. Hocanın underlined that

EMU has reached important places in world rankings. Expressing their gladness visiting EMU, İstanbul Mukhtar Confederation Chair Kadir Delibalta stated that they have bonds of communion with EMU and they are ready to improve their collaborations with EMU. Famagusta Mukhtar Association Chair Mustafa Yeşilleme also made a speech and said that EMU is the heart of Famagusta holding a vital role for the city. At the end of the meeting, Prof. Dr. Hocanın presented souvenirs to the visitors.

REPUBLIC DAY CONCERT FROM EMU MUSIC TEACHING PROGRAM STUDENTS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Education Faculty, Fine Arts Education Department, Music Teaching Program students gave a Republic Day Concert on the occasion of the 38th anniversary of Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). The concert took place on Tuesday, 16 November 2021 at 12:30 at EMU

Central Lecture Halls Lobby. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın, Vice Rector for Social and Cultural Affairs Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçiöğlü, Education Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Ahmet Pehlivan, Fine Arts Education Department Hean Prof. Dr. S. Çetin Aydar, academic staff members and students attended the event. During the

concert performed by chamber music groups and department choir; works of J.S. Bach, C.F. Fischer, J. Wanders, F. Tarrega, J. Wanders and as well as the İzmir Anthem and polyphonic Turkish Cypriots were also performed with flute, guitar, singing, piano, double bass and polyphonic choir.

EMU HOSTS A CONFERENCE ON PEACE ENGINEERING



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Cyprus Policy Center (CPC) and EMU Political Science and International Relations Department organized a conference titled “Peace Engineering in the Field, Challenges in Post-Conflict Governance”. The conference moderated by EMU-CPC Chair Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen hosted speaker Graham Day, who has great experience in peace processes as an official of both the British and Canadian Navies and international organizations such as the United Nations.

“The Cynefin Framework Should Be Adopted as a Guide”

Day started his speech by explaining that there are different types of practices that require different approaches and a flexible operational understanding to run the peace process. Day added that said the “Cynefin Framework” provides both conceptual and

operational guidance, helping leaders and decision makers divide problems into four areas—obvious, complicated, complex and chaotic—and then respond appropriately to those areas. Stating that all four areas of the Cynefin Framework contain some kind of limitation, application and guidance on how to respond to a situation, Day mentioned that guidance in that area can be used to act according to the specific area to which the conditions are related.

“Chaotic Area Should Be Avoided”

Day pointed out that the open space for situations with known outcomes is for knowing the facts of the situation, categorizing accordingly and responding with best practices, while the complex area involves gathering, examining and reacting to incoming data. Day added that in the complicated area where there is no clarity

in the cause-effect relationship and where legitimacy is very important, it is necessary to try different things by breaking the problem into pieces, and that the chaotic area that includes events such as conflict must be avoided in order to maintain the peace process.

“Not Every Problem is Complicated”

At the end of his speech, noting that peacemakers spend most of their time in open or complicated areas of the Cynefin Framework, Day stated that not every problem is complicated, but should be treated as a complex adaptive system that evolves. Day pointed out that there are some steps to overcome difficulties in managing the peace process, that these steps are not absolute laws, but heuristics or contingency guidelines that save the situation and resources.

“DONATE BLOOD, SAVE A LIFE” EVENT FROM EMU COMMUNICATION FACULTY

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Communication Faculty, Public Relations and Advertising Department added a new project to the social responsibility projects it has been organizing under the roof of Community Involvement Center. The department recently organized a 3-day event with “Donate Blood, Save a Life” slogan, which was held at the EMU Health Sciences Faculty on day one, and Atatürk Square on days 2 and 3.

The Genesis Agency operating under the EMU Public Relations and Advertising Department annually organizes the blood donation. This year the event was organized with the collaborations of EMU Health Sciences Faculty and the Northern Cyprus Red Crescent Society. A blood donation

station with health care teams was set up in the campus in order to provide a sterilized environment for blood donations.

The 3-day event gathered great interest from people; 25 units of blood was donated on day 1, followed by 49 and 42 units on day 2 and 3, respectively. Total of 116 units of blood was donated within the scope of the event. EMU Public Relations and Advertising Department Head and Community Involvement Center Executive Board member Prof. Dr. Anıl Kemal Kaya stated that this vital event is to be re-organized during the following Spring Semester as well. At the end of the event, North Cyprus Red Crescent Society thanked all the donators from EMU family for being hope for 116 individuals.



EMU FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND FAMAGUSTA RAVELİN LIONS CLUB ORGANISED AN AWARENESS EVENT TO MARK 14 NOVEMBER WORLD DIABETES DAY



In scope of 14 November World Diabetes Day, an awareness event was held for families with the cooperation of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Health Sciences and Famagusta Ravelin Lions Club Association. The TRNC Minister of Public Works and Transport Resmiye Canaltay also attended the event held on the Iskele Makenzi Beach Walking Track on Sunday, 14 November 2021, at 10:00 a.m.. EMU Health Sciences Faculty Vice Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gülten Sucu Dağ, Faculty Members Assist. Prof. Dr. Handan Sezgin, Assist. Prof. Dr. Gözde Okburan, Famagusta Ravelin Lions Club Association President Çiğdem Duvarcı,

members of the association, students and families were present at the said event which attracted a lot of attention.

“We Are Aware of Diabetes, We Are Determined as a Family”

As part of the event, healthy food stands were opened on the beach and a “Fast Walk Contest” was held on the walking path with the slogan “We Are Aware of Diabetes, We Are Determined as a Family”. EMU Health Sciences Faculty, Nursing Department academic staff member and Famagusta Ravelin Lions Club Association Diabetes Supervisor Assist. Prof. Dr. Handan Sezgin provided

information to the participants about diabetes and ways to prevent diabetes before the competition. Afterwards, EMU Health Sciences Faculty students performed an optional Diabetes Risk Determination Measurement for family members over the age of 18.

Families walked together in the competition that started after the countdown. At the end of the competition, event sponsor FEEL presented a pack of healthy food to the winners. Participants both raised awareness about diabetes and had a beautiful and healthy day with the walk.

EMU DR. FAZİL KÜÇÜK FACULTY OF MEDICINE ACADEMIC STAFF MEMBER ASSOC. PROF. DR. ÖZLEM ÜSTAY’S 14 NOVEMBER WORLD DIABETES DAY STATEMENT



Doğu Akdeniz Üniversitesi (DAÜ) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Tıp Fakültesi Öğretim Üyesi ve Endokrinoloji ve Metabolizma Hastalıkları Bilim Dalı Uzmanı Doç. Dr. Özlem Üstay, 14 Kasım Dünya Diyabet Günü ile ilgili açıklamalarda bulundu. Doç. Dr. Üstay yaptığı açıklamada şu ifadeleri yer verdi:

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine academic staff member and Endocrinology and Metabolic Diseases Specialist Assoc. Prof. Dr. Özlem Üstay prepared a statement about 14 November World Diabetes Day. Assoc. Prof. Dr.

Üstay’s statement reads as follows: Diabetes Mellitus is the most common metabolic disease during the present day and it continues to increase day by day all over the world. The word “diabetes” was first used in 1425 and its origin is “Diabainein”, which is defined by Aretus, a Greek physicist from Cappadocia in the 1st century, meaning urination. Later in 1675, with the addition of the word “Mellitus”, which means “like honey” in Greek, “Diabetes Mellitus”, which is still in use, defines the sugary taste and odor of urine.

During the current day, Diabetes Mellitus (DM) is a common term used to describe several groups of chronic and progressive diseases, mainly caused by high blood sugar, which occurs as a result of insufficiency in insulin secretion or a disorder in the action of insulin or in the insulin response.

After the diagnosis of the disease, progress was made faster in this regard and in 1869 Langerhans gave his name by showing pancreatic islet cells in cell culture. In 1889, when an animal pancreas was removed and examined for the first time, groundbreaking studies were paved in the treatment, and finally, in 1921, Dr. Fredrick Banting, together with his assistant Dr. Charles Best, was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1923 for purifying the hormone insulin from the

animal pancreas. In 1991, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Diabetes Federation (IDF) decided to celebrate Fredrick Banting’s birthday, 14 November, as World Diabetes Day. In 2006, the United Nations General Assembly decided that 14 November will be officially recognised as the United Nations Diabetes Day as of 2007, since diabetes is a lifelong disease that can expose the person with diabetes to various risks due to major organ damage. For this reason, the week of 14 November is observed with various activities as Diabetes Mellitus awareness week all over the world. All over the world, Diabetes Day is represented by a blue circle. The Blue Circle was adopted as a symbol of diabetes awareness worldwide in 2007. This symbol, which takes its blue color from the sky, is in the form of an uninterrupted circle, expressing the awareness of diabetes all over the world and the necessity of fighting against diabetes together.

According to the World Diabetes Atlas, which was last published in 2019, one out of every 11 people between the ages of 20-79 in the world is diagnosed with DM, and there are 463 million diabetic patients in the world in total, but one out of every 2 people does not know that they have DM. The prevalence of DM is much higher in underdeveloped countries and regions with low socioeconomic status.

Since DM is a chronic disease, its early diagnosis and treatment are important in terms of long-term complications. Whilst approximately half of the diabetic patients die due to cardiac events caused by hyperglycemia, about 1/3 of the patients need dialysis due to kidney problems. In addition to these, visual disturbances caused by chronic hyperglycemia, nerve involvement and loss of sensation especially in the feet, vascular occlusions that can develop in the whole body, leg ulcers and wounds that can progress to stroke and amputation severely impair the quality of patients’ life. The development of the industry, the increase in the consumption of ready-made food, more and more time spent at the desk, the lack of movement, especially the individuals who are genetically predisposed to this disease, accelerate the emergence of the disease. For these reasons, Type 2 DM or adult type DM, which used to be mostly seen in the elderly, has started to be observed at younger ages, even in adolescence. In this age where life involuntarily flows rapidly, it is certain that we should stop and take a look so that future generations can develop healthier, and that we should set a good example by trying to shape our lifestyle for our future. That’s why, on the week of 14 November, let’s take a step to raise awareness all over the world and join the struggle together. Come and hold one end of the blue ring.

EMU KENT- AG MAKES A STATEMENT ON THE “CHIMNEY HOUSE”

Eastern Mediterranean University Urban Research and Development Center (EMU KENT-AG) Executive Board member Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ege Uluca Tümer made statements regarding the use of historical structures known as “Chimney House”. The statement is as follows:

“Recently, it has been on the public agenda that the historical buildings in Famagusta Walled City, known as the “Chimney House”, will be leased to serve as a restaurant / cafe business with all its rooms and garden, by tendering procedure. This development raises serious concerns both about the future of the “Chimney House”, as well as the state’s view of historical buildings, both before the people of Famagusta as the stakeholders of such a process, and for us, the academicians at the EMU KENT - AG Executive Board. It is a right approach to give new functions to buildings with cultural heritage value in line with contemporary needs, in order to keep historical environments alive and revitalize. However, in such re-functioning processes, the architectural and spatial characteristics of the buildings or building groups and their adaptation to possible new functions are taken into consideration, along with the architectural, cultural, local, economic and social values of the buildings. In addition, the characteristics and needs of the buildings with cultural heritage value and the historical environments in which they are located are another important factor determining the new functions. Moreover, it is obvious that if Famagusta’s unique value, Chimney House, is operated as a restaurant / cafe with all its rooms and garden, it will cease to be a public space and be used only with the permission of the operator.

The drawbacks of transforming the aforementioned “Chimney House” building group, which has been sitting unused in the hands of the public for years and waiting to be re-functioned, from public use to private use, with the purpose of serving as a restaurant, without any scientific evaluation and the rationale of which cannot be understood (!), are listed below.

1- The two historical residences in question are the most characteristic historical residences in the city, which contain both Ottoman Period and pre-Ottoman layers and have survived to this day by preserving their structural and architectural elements in the best way. These historical residences, like other cultural

heritage structures, are not only buildings that should be seen, understood, benefited by the whole society, but also included in the decision-making processes. It is not the right approach and way of decision-making for a single political authority, person or persons to make a decision about the “Chimney House” without scientific evaluation and expert opinion.

2- Besides scientific evaluation and due to the nature of the Chimney House, more specifically, a public value of the city, it is illegal to take a legal step without a consultation meeting regarding the future of the place in accordance with the participation principle regulated in the Good Administration Law.

3- The “Chimney House” Complex, which was built on the infrastructure remaining from the Latin Period, is the richest residential example of the Ottoman Period in the city with its open sofas, porticos, hearths, baths and fountains, which are the characteristics of the earliest examples of the Ottoman House, have high educational and research value. Therefore, these structures should be open to students, architects, architecture students, local people and visitors and, should be exhibited using high quality display methods. As pointed out, using the place as a restaurant / cafe will make this impossible.

4- The buildings in question were used as an Inn for pilgrimage travelers in the Ottoman Period, as an Inn and Museum in the British Period, and as Islamic Cultural Association Exhibition Halls after 1960. It is unacceptable to commercially use (renting the structures to legal persons with the aim of using them as restaurants, shops, etc.) these structures, which have assumed important functions in the public domain.

5- The buildings in question are part of an ideal complex of buildings for the construction of a world-class city museum, with the Gazi Primary School, the British Prison Building, the Franciscan Church, the Cafer Pasha Bath and its existing open spaces, all sharing the same building block. With the leasing of these buildings, a serious opportunity will be missed for the holistic preservation and revitalization of the urban structure and heritage in Famagusta Walled City, and in this way, for the development of tourism and economy.

Historical sites such as Othello Castle, Martinengo and Ravelin in the Walled City



have been restored for very high prices and contributed to the extraordinary cultural wealth of the city. However, due to the lack of competence of the current management style in the management of these places, and their productive and unscientific approaches, these valuable buildings and building groups cannot be opened to the visit of tourists and the public. Considering this development related to the Chimney House complex, it is obvious that this understanding threatens both the present and the future of our cultural richness.

It should be acknowledged and accepted by everyone that the Walled City of Famagusta is a valuable cultural heritage site not only for Cyprus but also for the whole world, like all historical places with cultural heritage value. We firmly believe that the Eastern Mediterranean University and non-governmental organizations in Famagusta are ready to contribute in every way in order to preserve the public spaces and cultural heritage value, the Chimney House Complex and similar structures in Famagusta Walled City, and transfer them to future generations with contemporary uses. In this context, as the board members of the Eastern Mediterranean University Urban Research and Development Center (Kent-AG), we are ready to contribute both intellectually and scientifically to all the studies and processes that will be carried out in the use of the Chimney House and the group of buildings around it as spaces reserved for truly public use. As scientists and as sensitive citizens, we are obliged to present to the public that we are against all kinds of wrong decisions that are far from being scientific and are seen as a purely political step. Kind regards.”

EMU DR. FAZIL KÜÇÜK MEDICINE FACULTY ACADEMIC STAFF MEMBER RELEASES A STATEMENT ON COPD AND LUNG CANCER



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazil Küçük Faculty of Medicine academic staff member and Marmara University Faculty of Medicine, Department of Pulmonary Diseases and Intensive Care academic staff member Dr. Derya Kocakaya made statements about World COPD Day and 17 November World Lung Cancer Awareness Day. Dr. Kocakaya's statement reads as follows:

COPD and Lung Cancer: Two Important Diseases Caused by Smoking

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) is a chronic and obstructive disease of the airways and develops as a result of the inflammatory response in the airways caused by harmful gases or particles, especially smoking. As it is a progressive disease, the increasing inflammatory state causes narrowing of the airways and if not treated, it causes irreversible results due to permanent damage to the lung tissue.

Lung cancer develops as a result of abnormal proliferation of cells in the lung tissue. The process that starts with the change in the DNA structure, which determines the genetic heritage of our body, is triggered by environmental factors. The most important trigger in lung cancer is, again, smoking which is the cause of more than 90% of lung cancers in our country. Active smokers have a higher risk of lung cancer than those who have never smoked or quit smoking.

In our country, the incidence of both COPD and lung cancer is increasing gradually due to the start smoking from an early age and especially due to long-term and intense smoking. While the prevalence of COPD is approximately 20% in adults over the age of forty, the incidence of

lung cancer has reached 26% in men and 18% in women. The third Wednesday of November, designated as the "World COPD Day" since 2002 under the leadership of the World Health Organization and the Global Initiative on Chronic Obstructive Lung Diseases, coincides with the "Lung Cancer Awareness Day" on 17 November this year. When both diseases are considered, it is very important to increase awareness towards the disease and early diagnosis rates as they cause very serious complaints and have serious effects on life expectancy and quality. For early diagnosis, it is necessary to analyse the symptoms first and conduct the tests that will confirm the diagnosis quickly. For this reason, informing the public about the complaints that may be observed in patients with these two diseases, what needs to be done for diagnosis, risk factors and treatment options are amongst the main objectives.

The most common complaints in COPD are cough, sputum and shortness of breath. Since cough and sputum complaints are generally accepted as normal by active smokers, visits to the doctor are therefore very rare. Shortness of breath and limitation of effort capacity, mostly with heavy effort over time, and later on, even with light effort, are the most common reasons for applying to a doctor. In case of chronic cough, sputum and shortness of breath, the respiratory function test should be performed in people over the age of forty, who smoked or are currently smoking, or who are exposed to harmful gases or dusts in the environment. COPD, a progressive disease, is preventable and treatable. When a smoker is diagnosed with COPD, the first thing they should do is to quit smoking. In addition, it is important to stay away from other harmful dust and smoke, to have flu and pneumonia vaccinations, to use inhaled drugs for complaints and to practice a physically active lifestyle, in order to treat the disease and prevent its progression.

It usually takes more than 1 year for the complaints that may be caused by lung cancer to appear and such complaints may not even be noticed until the disease reaches an advanced stage. The complaints that occur in the early stages of the disease are generally ignored by the patients because they have no distinctive features or are thought to be due to other reasons. Especially smokers do not consider coughing as an important problem because they do not think that it can be serious. Unfortunately, this is an important factor that increases the danger. Some patients are diagnosed coincidentally with imagings taken for other reasons. Symptoms of lung cancer may vary depending on the location

of the tumor in the lung, its size, whether it has spread, and the extent of its spread. Depending on the tumor itself and its spread, the most common ones are cough, chest and back pain, bloody sputum, shortness of breath, hoarseness, difficulty in swallowing, neck and face swelling, wheezing and recurrent lung infections.

Depending on the extrapulmonary spread of the tumor, common complaints such as headache, nausea, vomiting, balance disorder, bone or joint pain, weakness, decreased appetite and unexplained weight loss and fatigue can be observed. For the diagnosis, especially for individuals with risk factors, chest X-ray should be taken first, and if suspected, evaluation with computed tomography (CT) should be performed. After determining the location of the disease with CT, the appropriate method for taking samples from the tissue (biopsy) is determined. Sometimes the airways are examined through the mouth or nose via a thin tube with a light at the end, called bronchoscopy, and tissue pieces are taken. Sometimes a biopsy (needle biopsy) can be taken from the tissue through a needle by passing the skin under the guidance of tomography. In case of accumulation of fluid in the membrane around the lung, a sample of this fluid can also be taken (thoracentesis). In cases where the diagnosis cannot be made by such means, it may be necessary to take a sample by surgical means. Examination of these sample tissues by an experienced pathologist and deciding on the type of tumor with special paints make the diagnosis final. Tests such as magnetic resonance (MR) imaging, bone scintigraphy, PET (positron emission tomography) are performed to determine the extent of the disease, namely its stage. In order to decide on the most appropriate treatment option, the type and stage of the tumor and the general condition of the patient and performance capacity are considered. Accordingly, the appropriate alternative or sometimes a combination of options such as surgical treatment, chemotherapy and radiotherapy can be considered. Patients should be evaluated in terms of the suitability of specialized treatments (smart drugs) that target the genetic changes of cells in cancerous tissue, which have been developed in recent years.

Both COPD and lung cancer are diseases that can threaten life, shorten life expectancy and negatively affect quality of life if precautions are not taken and treated. For this reason, the most important thing that can always be done is to work towards preventing these diseases and staying away from smoking, which is the most important risk factor.

REFUGEE CHILDREN RIGHTS STATEMENT FROM EMU COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT CENTER, FACULTY OF LAW REPRESENTATIVE MERVE NUR DEĞERLİ

Eastern Mediterranean University Community Involvement Center (EMU CIC) Law Faculty Representative and Law Faculty, General Public Law Program Research Assistant Merve Nur Değerli wrote a statement on the occasion of 20 November World Children's Rights Day. In her article titled "Rights of the Refugee Children", Değerli included the following statements:

"Migration movement, which starts legally or illegally, takes place in three stages: the departure of the refugees from their country, the arrival and acceptance of the refugees in the destination country, and the refugee starting to live in that country. Children are the most victimized group in the three processes mentioned above.

In order to reduce and eliminate the existing suffering of children, the work carried out to improve the conditions of children in the light of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child has been accelerated. It should be the main starting point of every state that children, who are our future, benefit from their right to live without worrying about their life, regardless of their identity and where they come from, benefit from the education and health rights without discrimination, are protected by security units and reintegrate into society with the understanding of superior benefit.

Refugees under the age of 18 have the right to live in a healthy environment that will support their development. States parties, which strive to ensure the growth and development of children who relocate with their families, have different practices regarding unaccompanied children. The vulnerability of refugee children who have to leave their country unaccompanied causes violence, torture and abuse as well as nutritional and health-related problems. Therefore, the language and

culture problem of unaccompanied children should be solved in the warmth of the family and their integration into social life should be facilitated.

The most important factor in the development of the child is the environment. The child has the right to gain an identity in line with his/her ethnic, cultural, religious and national beliefs in relation to his/her social development. The rights to live in a clean environment away from conflict, to benefit from health services, to be treated within the scope of the principle of equality, together with their family or caring adults, to whom they can demonstrate their capacity, are evaluated within the scope of their rights in social life.

Children who are forced to leave the land they live with their families or as an orphan are usually at school age. It is a priority for them to benefit from the right to education that they are deprived of in their own country. In this way, they will get acquainted with the culture of the countries they relocated to, make friends, and this will provide a sense of belonging in children. The issue of health is important in societies where it is aimed for refugee children to lead a quality life. Refugee children should have direct and free access to health services. In addition to physical treatment, it is also very important to provide psychological support so that the highly traumatic migration event does not leave bad traces on the child's psychology. Crowded environments and adverse conditions in the places where refugees live are conducive to infection and disease. These conditions should be improved and it should be ensured that both adults and children living there benefit from the right to health without any discrimination. The healing effect of health, both physically and mentally, is very important in reintegrating refugee children into society. It should not be forgotten that



education is the fundamental right of every child and is important for their emotional and social development. It is of great importance that the government and non-governmental organizations fulfill their duties in order to prevent a lost generation.

Refugee children should not be viewed as a minority in society. Refugees are faced with living under unequal conditions when compared with other citizens, xenophobia and discrimination in the countries where they took refuge after migration. Therefore, policies to prevent marginalization should be developed.

The protection of child should be the main goal. Therefore, it is necessary to ensure the safety of refugee children, to protect these children from all kinds of violence, abuse, human trafficking and to prevent them from working for the sake of economic gain. The wishes of the child who is vulnerable and in need of care should be taken into account, and the use of evil gangs for dirty interests should be prevented. The policy for juvenile offenders should be geared towards reintegration to the society rather than punishment."

EMU INTERNATIONAL ASTRO TURF FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS "SAMBA BOYS"



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) International Astro Turf Football Tournament organized by EMU Sports Affairs Directorate took place between 8 and 12 November, 2021 at EMU Astro Turf pitches. Total of 16 student teams participated in the tournament. The first games were played on Monday, 8 November 2021 and 8 teams made it to the quarter-finals on Tuesday, 9 November 2021. Following the quarter-final matches, 4 teams achieved to move on the semi-finals which was held on Wednesday, 11 November 2021. Samba Boys and Naija FC teams won their semi-final matches and made it to the final game on Thursday, 12 November 2021. Samba Boys won the final game and became the

EMU International Astro Turf Football Tournament champion. Naija FC took the second place followed by Gunners team on the third place of the tournament.

Awards Ceremony

An award ceremony was organized at the end of the tournament. EMU vice Rector for Social and Cultural Affairs Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioglu, EMU Sports Affairs Director Cemal Konnolu, Sports Affairs Directorate coaches and students attended the ceremony. Addressing the participant during the ceremony, Prof. Dr. İşçioglu congratulated the winners and all the others teams who have participated in the tournament and, thanked EMU

Sports Affairs Directorate for successfully organizing the event. EMU Sports Affairs Director Cemal Konnolu also delivered a speech in the ceremony where he stated that international events like this tournament are extremely important for students because these events provide an environment for students to introduce and share their culture and traditions with other students who are from different countries. Konnolu thanked everyone who participated during the tournament. Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioglu presented awards to the winning teams after the speeches.

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